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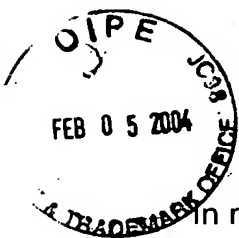
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002-0140283.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-264795. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page three of the present application. An English-language abstract of this document is attached for the Examiner's convenience. Also, this document corresponds to the above-cited U.S. patent application publication.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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